

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **January 11, 2005**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 8

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:
(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **2005-2010 CDBG/HOME Consolidated Plan Goals**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the goals for the development of the 2005-2010 CDBG/HOME Consolidated Plan.

SUMMARY: The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires state and local governments, which receive federal community development funds, to prepare a five-year Consolidated Plan. This plan outlines the City's needs, goals, and objectives for community development (both housing and non-housing areas). For the development of the 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan the City Council and administration have sought the input of citizens and other interested parties in defining needs and developing goals and objectives facing Lynchburg.

Lynchburg receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program funds on an entitlement basis each year from HUD. HUD regulations require entitlement communities to conduct at least two (2) public hearings annually. In order to satisfy one of the above-referenced public hearings and to receive further citizen input, a public hearing was held on December 14, 2004 regarding the proposed goals for the 2005-2010 Community Development Consolidated Plan. In addition, written comments were accepted from November 30–December 14.

Eleven citizens spoke and/or addressed the following areas of need in developing the goals for the Consolidated Plan: (1) regional emphasis on transportation needs for persons with disabilities including vehicular and pedestrian; (2) rental housing for persons with disabilities; (3) overall awareness of the housing and non-housing needs for persons with disabilities; (4) development of a database that reflects housing availability for persons with disabilities; (5) youth service projects through mentoring; (6) affordable, safe and decent housing; (7) owner-occupied housing rehabilitation; (8) quality childcare; (9) focus entitlement funds to a specific geographic area for redevelopment; and (10) economic development opportunities.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Decmeber 14, 2004 - Public Hearing

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

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ATTACHMENT(S): Proposed goals for 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan

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2005-2010 CONSOLIDATED PLAN GOALS

Housing Goals

- Provide priority assistance to programs designed to create new home ownership opportunities available to low- and moderate-income buyers.
- Increase the number of owner-occupied units through support of public and private homebuyer programs. Emphasis is to be placed on programs, which require an investment of funds and/or labor on the part of the buyer, which are commensurate with the buyer's resources.
- Rehabilitate substandard housing units through support of public and private programs. Emphasis is to be placed on programs, which require an investment of funds and/or labor on the part of the owner, which are commensurate with the owner's resources. In addition, maintenance of homes will be enforced through applicable ordinances and building code requirements, and through owner initiatives to rehabilitate existing rental properties.
- Support initiatives to increase permanent affordable housing opportunities for low-income households and Special Needs Populations* and encourage regional cooperation of this goal throughout the Region 2000 area.
- Support the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative by improving housing stock.

*Special Needs Populations include, but are not limited to, the mentally ill/mentally disabled, physically disabled persons, substance abusers/addicts, persons with AIDS, the homeless, and elderly persons in need of supportive housing.

Non-Housing Goals

- Support economic development efforts, which will expand job opportunities and support job retention for low- and moderate-income individuals. Continue to take actions, which stimulate private, as well as public investment in designated enterprise zones.
- Eliminate neighborhood deterioration, blight and blighting influences through staged redevelopment of public infrastructure, rehabilitation activities, code enforcement, or clearance where needed.
- Support neighborhood improvement through the organized efforts of neighborhood associations that seek to leverage their resources to improve infrastructure, amenities, and services.
- Support park and recreation improvements in relation to community need, particularly for low- to moderate-income persons or neighborhoods.
- Encourage the preservation of properties of special value for historic, architectural, or aesthetic reasons.
- Support public service providers in meeting the service needs for low- and moderate-income individuals and Special Needs Populations.